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govern verb

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governed; governing; governs

Definition of govern

transitive verb

- 1 **a** : to exercise continuous sovereign authority over
especially : to control and direct the making and administration of policy in
// The country was *governed* by a king.
- b** : to rule without sovereign power and usually without having the authority to determine basic policy
- 2 **a** *archaic* : MANIPULATE
- b** : to control the speed of (a machine) especially by automatic means
- 3 **a** : to control, direct, or strongly influence the actions and conduct of
- b** : to exert a determining or guiding influence in or over
// income must *govern* expenditure
- c** : to hold in check : RESTRAIN
// was told to *govern* her emotions
- 4 : to require (a word) to be in a certain case
- 5 : to serve as a precedent or deciding principle for
// customs that *govern* human decisions

intransitive verb

- 1 : to prevail or have decisive influence : CONTROL
// In all situations allow reason to *govern*.
- 2 : to exercise authority

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governable \ 'gə-vər-nə-bəl  \ *adjective*

Synonyms for *govern*

Synonyms

boss, captain, command, control, preside (over), rule, sway [archaic]

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// The tribe is *governed* by a 10-member council.

// They want to form their own country and *govern* themselves.

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// An increasingly confident Xi Jinping set the tone earlier in the week, at Monday's virtual meeting of the World Health Assembly, the *governing* body of the World Health Organization.

— Barbara Demick, *The New Yorker*, "China Declares Victory Over Both the Coronavirus and Critics of the Communist Party at the Biggest Political Event of the Year," 22 May 2020

// Although Boniface read his resignation letter during a 'Zoom' meeting on April 9, state election code requires such resignations be given in writing and then approved by the *governing* body the person was leaving.


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First Known Use of *govern*

14th century, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1a](#)

History and Etymology for *govern*

Middle English, from Anglo-French *gouverner*, from Latin *gubernare* to steer, govern, from Greek *kybernan*

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 The first known use of *govern* was in the 14th century

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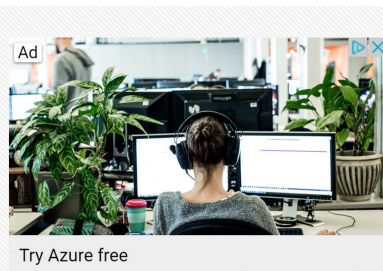
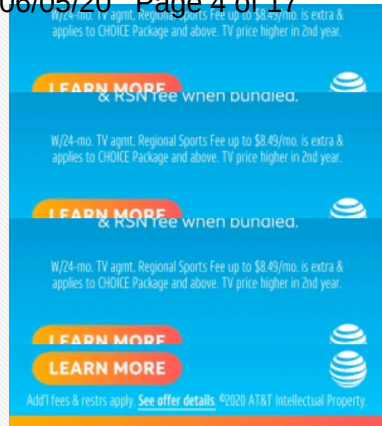
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English Language Learners Definition of *govern*

: to officially control and lead (a group of people) : to make decisions about laws, taxes, social programs, etc., for (a country, state, etc.)

: to control the way that (something) is done

: to control or guide the actions of (someone or something)

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govern verb

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governed; **governing**

Kids Definition of *govern*

1 : [RULE entry 2 sense 1](#)

2 : to influence the actions and conduct of : [CONTROL](#)

// "... a kind word will *govern* me ..."

— Louisa May Alcott, *Little Women*

3 : to serve as a rule for

// Laws *governing* the Internet are changing.

govern transitive verb

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Legal Definition of *govern*

1 : to exercise continuous sovereign authority over



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